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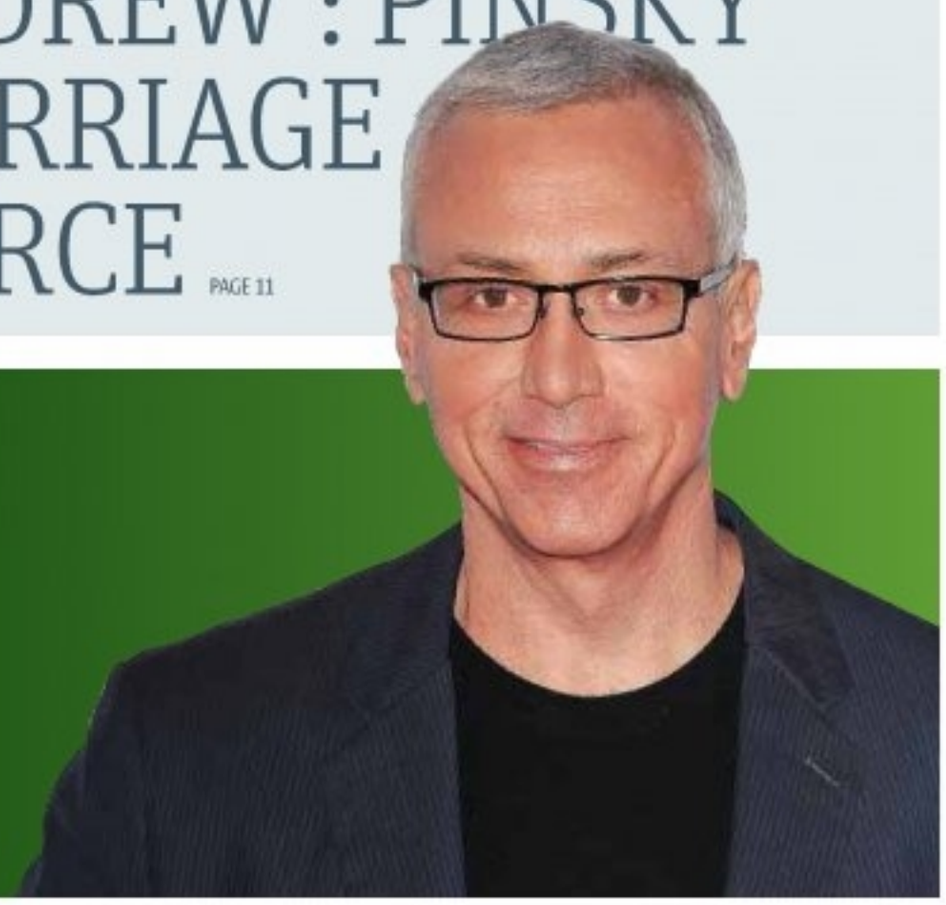

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'Negligent, but no intent to kill,' says attorney

Hearing. A judge upheld murder charges for Carmen Ramirez and Carlos Rivera, parents charged with killing their 3-year-old by starvation. **Testimony.** Rivera's attorney said the father tried to make sure all five children in the home were fed but he was mostly on his own. PAGE 02

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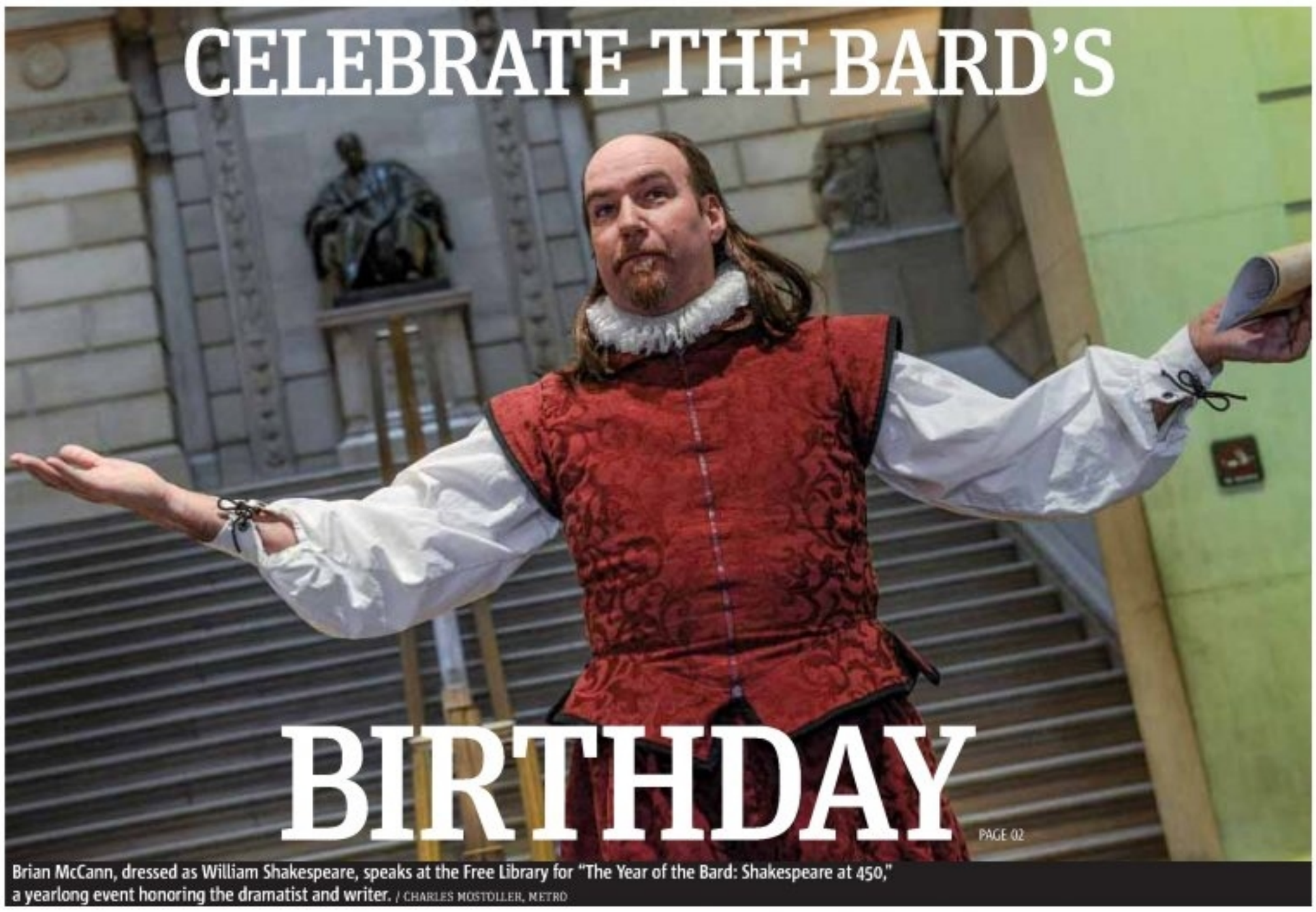

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Brian McCann, dressed as William Shakespeare, speaks at the Free Library for "The Year of the Bard: Shakespeare at 450," a yearlong event honoring the dramatist and writer. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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Local Tweet

"Just walked my dog & thought, 'It's not bad out today.' Checked the temp. It's 24. This polar vortex needs to go, it's getting to my head."

What exactly IS a #polarvortex, @lizfedak?

Murder charges move ahead in Nathalyz case

Graphic. A judge upheld murder charges against a West Oak Lane couple after a day-long hearing on Wednesday.

Carmen Ramirez and Carlos Rivera both appeared in court on Wednesday. / PROVIDED

New details emerged at a preliminary hearing on Wednesday for Carmen Ramirez, 27, and Carlos Rivera, 30, both charged with murder in the death of their daughter, Nathalyz Rivera, who starved to death in September at age 3, weighing just 11 pounds.

Among them were the fact that Ramirez was receiving $2,130 a month in SSI benefits for her children, but had not been home in two months at the time of Nathalyz's death.

Quoted

"Whether a 3-years, 10-month-old child is with disabilities or with no disabilities, if you don't feed them, they die."

Rosen

Also, Rivera, who lived with Ramirez's five children in a garbage-filled house on Sommers Street, told police that he washed Nathalyz in a sink after he ran out of diapers and left a bottle full of baby food next to her head to feed her.

As photographs of Nathalyz's nude, emaciated corpse with thin hair and multiple bedsores were shown at the hearing, Ramirez wept quietly while Rivera stared down at the table.

Rivera and Ramirez were both arrested on Sept. 9 after they brought Nathalyz's body to Albert Einstein Medical Center, where the girl was pronounced dead.

Nathalyz, who had cerebral palsy and could not pick up objects or walk, and was partially blind and deaf, was last seen by a doctor at St. Christopher's Hospital in April 2011.

Medical examiner Aaron Rosen, who ruled the death a homicide by starvation, testified that Nathalyz showed clear signs of starvation, including diminished musculature and subcutaneous tissue.

Rivera's attorney, Bobby Hoof, hoped to get the severity of the charges reduced at the hearing, on the grounds that Rivera tried to tend to the children while Ramirez was absent.

"He was there. He was the one that did not abandon the children. There was testimony that he brought food home every night. He made sure that all the children were fed," Hoof said. "He may have been a little negligent, but there was no intent to kill."

On the day Nathalyz died, Rivera had been out "trying to earn money" from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Ramirez spent the day at Parx Casino.

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The Seaport must shine again

A worker replaces neon tubes on the Independence Seaport Museum's sign at Penn's Landing on Wednesday.

CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Happy birthday. The Bard turns 450 at the city's Free Library

It's the Year of the Bard, and the Free Library, in partnership with The Philadelphia Shakespeare Theatre, is dedicating 2014 to William Shakespeare in honor of what would be his 450th birthday.

The yearlong series offers contemporary takes on modern classics like hip-hop versions of plays. But it also stays true to Shakespeare's vision with a take on "Romeo and Juliet."

On Wednesday morning, students from West Philadelphia High School performed to kick off the celebration.

Shakespeare himself will be on hand at each event, as well as a lute player, to experience the feel of the late 1500s and early 1600s.

CHRISTINA PACIOLLA

At the Free Library

An exhibit on Jan. 29 features Shakespeare items.

- Other events include lectures, an insult contest and a birthday party on April 23.

Lesley Berkowitz and Akeem Davis act out a scene from "Romeo and Juliet." / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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Philly to receive $500 million in federal dollars

Promise Zones.
In the lead up to President Obama's State of the Union address, he will help fight poverty in Philadelphia.

President Barack Obama reportedly will announce Thursday that Philadelphia has been chosen as one of five "Promise Zones" — a designation that carries about $575 million in federal dollars. The city anticipates $250 million in future public and private investment to help heal impoverished areas of West Philadelphia.

San Antonio, Los Angeles, southeastern Kentucky and the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma were the other areas chosen for federal tax incentives and grants to aid in tackling poverty.

Mayor Michael Nutter said in a statement Wednesday that the selection is an important step for an area "struggling with high poverty, high crime, high vacancy, low educational attainment and low employment rates."

The zone is bordered by the Schuylkill River on the east, Girard Avenue on the north, 48th Street to the west and Sansom Street to the south; the Promise Zone is home to 35,315 residents.

Quoted

"On the 50th anniversary of the War on Poverty, [the] announcement reminds us that this fight is not over."

U.S. Rep. Chaka Fattah

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Flash floods could occur when ice breaks

Ice covers large swaths of the Delaware River south of the Ben Franklin Bridge on Wednesday. Ice was blocking the entire river upstream, near Trenton, prompting warnings of potential flash flooding along the river in Philadelphia when the ice breaks up. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Upper Darby

West Philly man hit, and then ran

A 58-year-old Philadelphia man was arrested in connection with a hit-and-run in Upper Darby that killed a man and his dog.

Ernest Marks, of the 1500 block of North Felton Street, turned himself in to police Wednesday after he saw multiple media reports about the incident. His 2000 white Acura was found on 47th Street on Tuesday.

Ernest Marks / UPPER DARBY POLICE

Richard Patterson, a 69-year-old retiree, and his poodle, Babby, died Sunday night after Marks hit them on Providence Road.

TOMMY ROWAN

Emails link Christie staffer, lane closings in NJ political mess

GOV. CHRISTIE
GETTY IMAGES

Traffic moves over the Hudson River and across the George Washington Bridge between New York City and Fort Lee, N.J. / GETTY IMAGES

Traffic. Christie has insisted that he and his staff had nothing to do with the lane closings.

Claims that New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie's administration closed traffic lanes at the George Washington Bridge as payback against a political opponent were boosted on Wednesday with the publication of a series of incriminating emails.

The emails quote a top Christie aide, Bridget Anne Kelly, saying to an executive at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey that it was "time for some traffic problems in Fort Lee," which is on the New Jersey end of the bridge.

The Port Authority executive, David Wildstein, wrote back in an email: "Got it." The Port Authority oversees the bridge that links New Jersey with New York City.

Copies of the emails were obtained and published by the Bergen Record, The New York Times and other media.

The decision to block off two of three local access ramps to the George Washington Bridge created traffic jams in Fort Lee and angered commuters who were caught in major delays.

Wildstein, a long-time Christie ally, admitted ordering the lane closures and resigned in December. A second top Port Authority appointee resigned a week later. REUTERS

President

2016

Christie, a Republican, is widely expected to make a bid for the White House in 2016.

Pleaded guilty. 'Jihad Jamie' gets eight years in case

A Colorado woman who converted to Islam and went to Ireland to join a man she believed was training for terrorist operations was sentenced to eight years in prison Wednesday.

Jamie Paulin Ramirez, 35, pleaded guilty in a federal court in Philadelphia to providing material support to terrorists.

She was nicknamed "Jihad Jamie" by the media following her 2010 arrest because she had joined a group in Ireland that included another American-born, white-skinned, blonde-haired woman, Colleen LaRose, who called herself "Jihad Jane."

The two women were lured to Europe by Islamist extremists who hoped to use their appearance and U.S. passports to carry out violent attacks, prosecutors said. REUTERS

Years

10

LaRose was sentenced to 10 years in prison Monday for her role in an al Qaeda-linked plot to kill a Swedish artist who had offended Muslims by portraying the head of the prophet Mohammad on the body of a dog.

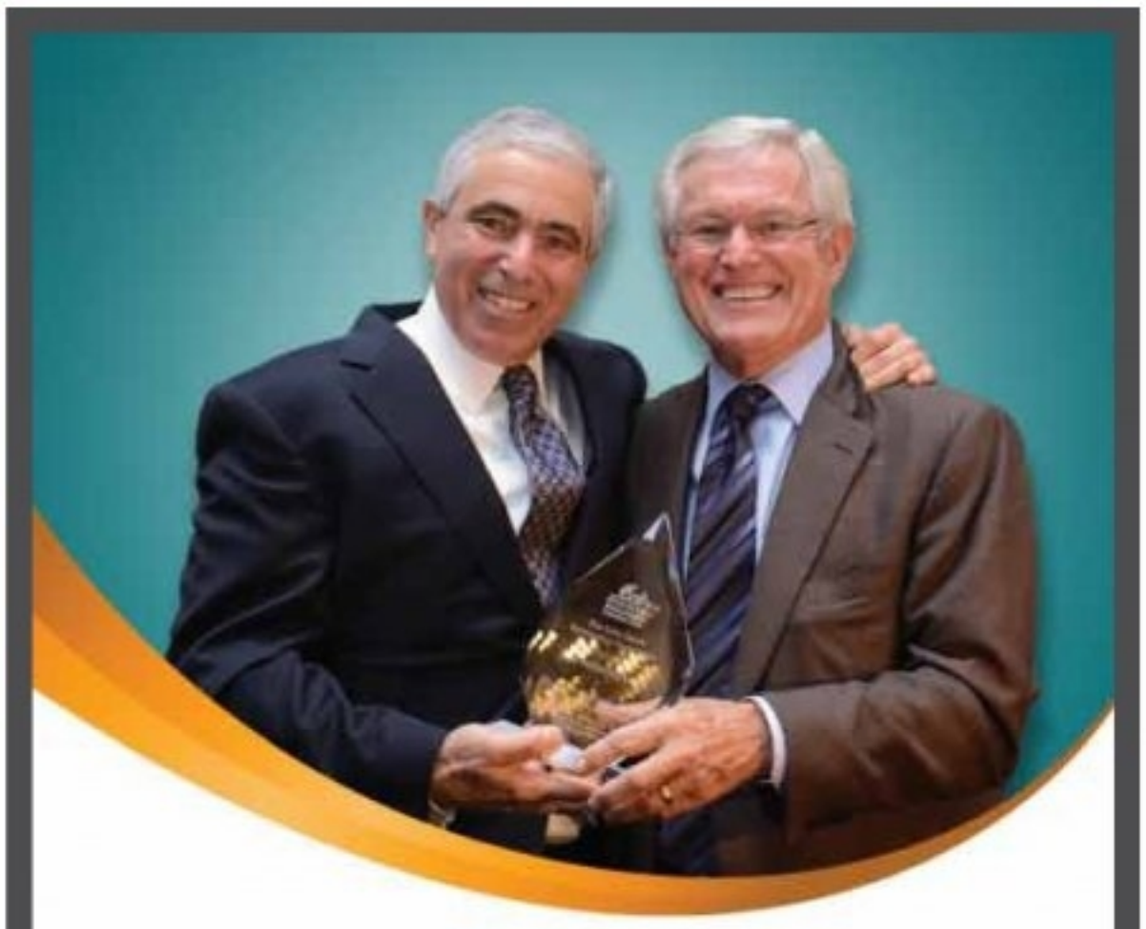
Fatal accident

Navy chopper goes down off Va., one crew member dead

A U.S. Navy helicopter went down off the Virginia coast on Wednesday and one of the five crew members has died, the military said.

The MH-53E Sea Dragon helicopter was on a training flight when it crashed into the Atlantic Ocean near Fort Story, about 150 miles south of Washington, D.C.

One of the four people rescued and flown to a hospital in Norfolk, Va., has died, the Navy said on Twitter. REUTERS



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Twitter feed

Today, Kirstie Alley is telling it like it is, Judd Apatow doesn't have time to be sick, Mark Duplass is a vocabulary fan and Neil Patrick Harris has a song stuck in his head.

@kirstiealley: When someone says"It isn't you, it's me"....It's you

@JuddApatow: How do I avoid this freaking stomach flu? I am not a big fan of multiple days of vomiting.

@MarkDuplass: Milquetoast. Great word. Underutilized.

@ActuallyNPH: Our children are obsessed with Frozen. I've heard Let It Go 83 thousand times.

Talking points

Alexander Skarsgard knew exactly how to celebrate reaching the South Pole. / INSTAGRAM

Parker wants big-screen 'Sex'

Sarah Jessica Parker is holding out hope for at least one more big-screen adventure for the "Sex and the City" girls, despite the poor performance of the second installment. "A part of me thinks there is one last chapter to tell," she tells InStyle magazine. "But timing is a peculiar thing. It isn't a decision that can wait forever. I don't want to have to wear muumuus." Last month, co-star Kristin Davis admitted that "there is discussion" about a third film among the powers that be, though Cynthia Nixon was much less optimistic, telling the Hollywood Reporter, "I think it's fine to let it go."

Skarsgard gets nude way down South

Alexander Skarsgard knew exactly how to celebrate reaching the South Pole as part of his Walking with the Wounded Challenge across Antarctica: get naked. Fellow trekker Inge Solheim posted this photo to Instagram of the actor wearing nothing but a pair of snow boots and sunglasses, perched on an outdoor toilet in the middle of the snowy landscape, the temperature reportedly a brisk -22 F. The shot echoes Skarsgard's full-frontal appearance at the end of the "True Blood" sixth season finale, only the TV version didn't feature a toilet.

Bieber goes back to Gomez after devastating diagnosis

Just why are Selena Gomez and Justin Bieber back to canoodling? Sources say it's because of Gomez's recent lupus diagnosis.

"Justin reached out to Selena after she canceled the tour," a Bieber insider tells Life & Style, referring to Gomez canceling her 2014 Stars Dance tour last month, reportedly after she got the diagnosis of the autoimmune disease. "He wanted to make sure she was OK and healthy. He cares about her a lot. I don't know if they'll get back together, but he wanted to see her and spend time with her."

So there you have it. Justin Bieber isn't a terrible human being. Glad to hear it.

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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The time that Aaron Paul did a shot with Michael Jackson

Aaron Paul's Best Party Ever story beats your Best Party Ever story. Sorry.

Yes, while you recount that "epic" kegger, the "Breaking Bad" star can say that he was at a prince of Brunei's 25th birthday party with the King of Pop.

"I was going back up to my room, and this guy grabs me and says, 'Hey, Prince Azim wants to see you in the library,'" Paul tells Details magazine about the soiree, which was reportedly held six years ago outside of London. "So I go down there, and he's sitting on the couch with Michael Jackson, and me and Michael Jackson end up having this hour-long heart-to-heart about family and upbringings, and I remember, he just put his arm around my shoulder and said, 'You know, if you've had a rough childhood or not, it's all about forgiveness. Once you realize that, it's fine. Everything's fine.' And I'm like, 'Michael, you are absolutely right. Do you want to do a shot?' And he goes, 'Sure!'"

While this is a brilliant story, can you imagine if it was a keg stand?

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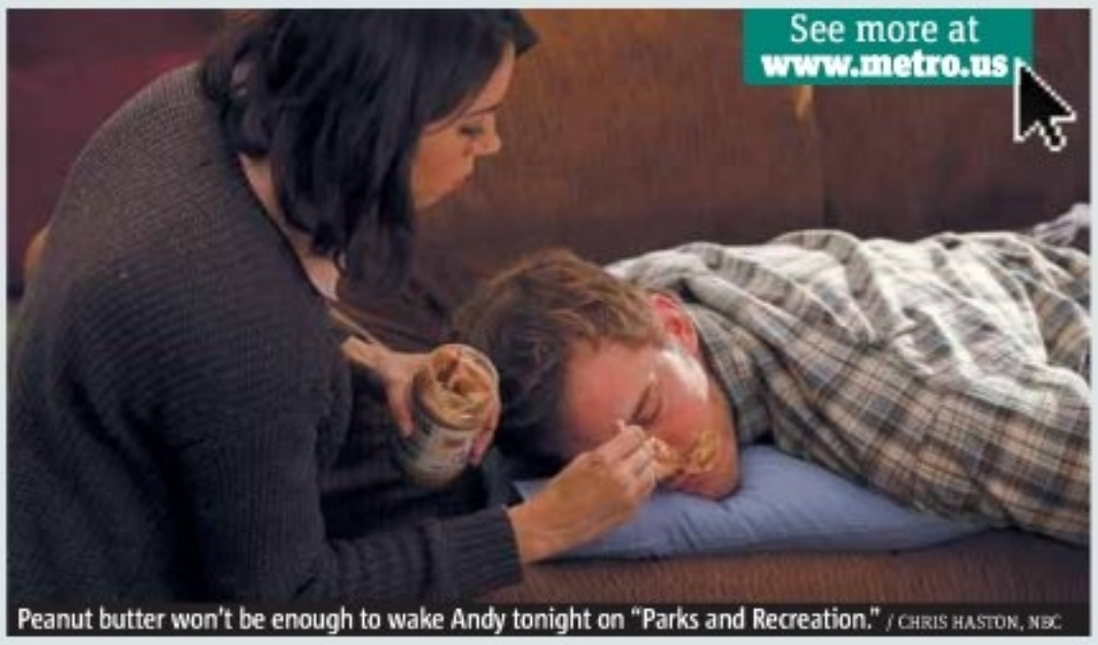

Peanut butter won't be enough to wake Andy tonight on "Parks and Recreation." / CHRIS HASTON, NBC

COMPETITION

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8 P.M., ABC

COMEDY

'Parks and Recreation'

It's the 100th episode! To celebrate, Leslie finds herself embroiled in a sex scandal with a local politician and Andy returns from London so jet-lagged he's dopier — and funnier — than ever. So obviously April has to spray him with a hose to snap him out of it. **8:30 P.M., NBC**

REALITY

'Mob Wives'

The ladies' ill-fated vacation to Las Vegas ends with — what else? — a group trip to a strip club. Although, a strip club in Las Vegas just might be the one place in the world where these women are not the most inappropriately dressed people in the room.

10 P.M., VH1

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Making a name for herself

Autobiographical. Eleanor Bauer of "ELEANOR!" is not an egomaniac.

Bauer performs at Christ Church Neighborhood House (20 N. American St.) tonight and tomorrow. Get tickets at www.birdbirdbird.org. / DANNY WILLEMS

In the current arts economy it can be hard for artists to make a name for themselves, but choreographer/performer Eleanor Bauer ensures that her name makes it onto the marquee by making it — emphatically — the name of her solo show, which she's bringing to Christ Church Neighborhood House. But "ELEANOR!" is not just about getting Bauer's name up in lights.

"The piece is not called 'ELEANOR!' because I'm actually an egomaniac," Bauer says, "but because it's about self-promotion as one of the tireless things an artist needs to do to stay visible and afloat."

The show will be presented by Thirdbird alongside a remounting of "Colony," an immersive, endurance-based duet by dancers Kelly Bond and Melissa Krodman. Bauer's piece is an autobiographical blend of performance, lecture and stand-up comedy that relates her own struggles making a living as an artist.

After attending NYU's Tisch School of the Arts, Bauer relocated to Brussels, Belgium, in 2004, at least partially motivated by the arts-funding climate in Europe. "I was a little apprehensive about living and working in New York because you see everybody around you doing the same thing, which is working, like, 11 part-time jobs," Bauer says. "Making my own work only cost me money, and there were a hundred other things that I had to do in order to survive and support that habit."

Ironically, her first return trip to New York was a benefit performance — meaning she didn't get paid. "I was sitting there asking myself why I was spending money on a plane ticket to perform for free if I left because I didn't want to keep performing for free? And I came to the realization that recognition is a form of currency in the field. Instead of exchanging money, accolades or appreciation are what fuels the dance community."

That idea provided the premise for "ELEANOR!," which humorously examines the modern life of a dancer negotiating the financial and artistic obstacles of being a working artist. As the piece has grown from the short work she premiered for that New York benefit to an evening-length performance, it has reflected Bauer's growing interest in using comedy — which itself is leading her to think about returning to the States.

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Quoted

"Humor is very cultural and very linguistic. People laugh and get it enough in Europe, but there's a limit. Once I recognized that entertaining and humor were things that I wanted to start taking more seriously, feeling not totally understood got a little old."

Bauer, on performing in Europe versus at home

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Out Friday

'The Legend of Hercules'

1 Despite his feats, the brawny he-man can't get a decent film. The latest stars Kellan Lutz, and the director is fallen trash auteur Renny Harlin ("Cliffhanger," "The Long Kiss Good Night").

Kellan Lutz tries to be Lou Ferrigno in the latest stab at a Hercules movie. / SUMMIT ENTERTAINMENT

2 'Lone Survivor' Based on a true event recounted by soldier Marcus Luttrell, Mark Wahlberg heads up a sparse cast of four SEALs who get ambushed on a mission in Taliban-run Afghanistan. The title's a bit of a spoiler.

3 'Her' After collaborations (with Charlie Kaufman and Dave Eggers), Spike Jonze goes solo, telling the story of a lonely divorcee (Joaquin Phoenix) living in the near future who falls in love with his new, self-aware operating system (voiced by Scarlett Johansson). Amy Adams and Olivia Wilde co-star.

4 'August: Osage County' Meryl Streep leads an embarrassment of award-gobbling thespians in the latest film of Tracy Letts' plays, as a matriarch lording over a family gathering in the wake of her husband's suicide.

5 'Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones' The fifth entry in the deathless found footage series loses "Catfish" directors Henry Joost and Ariel Schulman, but gains Michael Landon's son (promoted after writing the other sequels).

6 'The Wolf of Wall Street' Martin Scorsese returns to the "Goodfellas" genre he created with this look at Jordan Belfort (Leonardo DiCaprio), a real-life superbroker who in the '90s swindled innocent people out of hundreds of millions, all while surrounding himself with drugs, hookers and flying dwarves.

7 'Inside Llewyn Davis' The Coen brothers hit up the Greenwich Village folk scene of the 1960s, relentlessly torturing a musician (Oscar Isaac) as uncompromising as he is unpleasant. Carey Mulligan and Justin Timberlake are among the unfortunates who know him.

8 'American Hustle' The once "difficult" David O. Russell is on his third awards-gobbling romp in recent years, with an absurdly powerful cast — a fat, toupeed Christian Bale and a dolled-up Jennifer Lawrence, for starters — filling out this telling of the larger-than-life Abscam FBI operation of the '70s.

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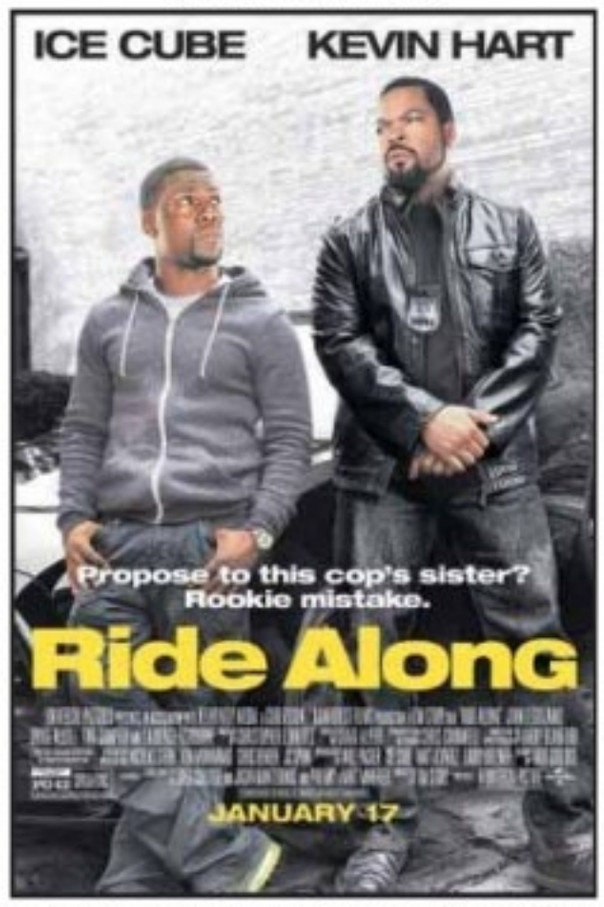

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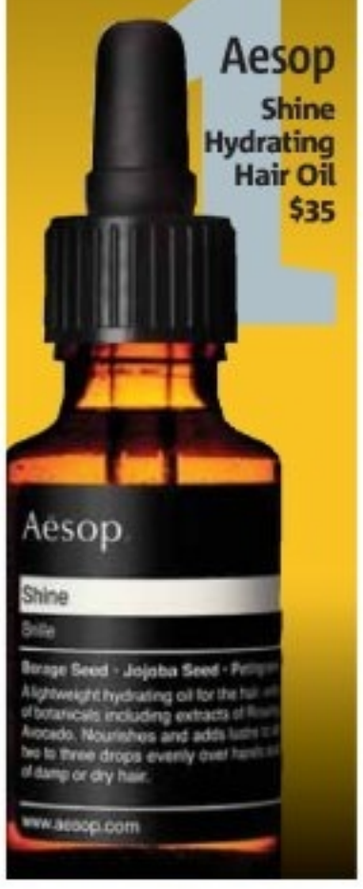
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Happily never after

I don't. Dr. Drew Pinsky narrates "Divorce Corp," an exposé about the family law industry.

One lawyer in the film calls children "little bags of money" due to their role as leverage in divorce proceedings. / FUSE

"The biggest single reason for divorce in this country is marriage," attorney Gerald Nissenbaum says at the outset of the new documentary "Divorce Corp." But the film's narrator, Dr. Drew Pinsky, says that attitude is "cynicism I'm trying to undo."

"We need sustained, committed, healthy, regulated, happy relationships over long periods of time to raise stable adults," argues Dr. Drew, who described "Divorce Corp" as an in-depth profile of the "unbelievably dysfunctional" divorce industry.

Though known for his work as an addiction specialist, Dr. Drew says tackling divorce wasn't too far-fetched a career move for him because it furthers his commitment to "championing stable and healthy relationships." And once exposed to the material — like the fact that more money passes through family law court than all other U.S. courts combined — he was taken aback.

"There is this self-serving industry that really has very little interest in the individuals who are getting divorced," he says, adding that the business of splitting up "incurs lying and fighting" and encourages unethical practices, like dragging out legal battles so that lawyers and judges can profit from cases much longer than necessary. According to the film, attorneys — who can charge upward of $500 per hour — are many times in cahoots with presiding judges, which means fairness often takes a backseat to cronyism.

"The judges themselves are deeply — in inappropriate ways — involved," Dr. Drew says. "I mean, if this was a medical system, there'd be people in prison — we're not allowed to do anything like that."

So how can these people get away with their practices? Divorce courts are courts of equity, not courts of law, so constitutional rights aren't always held up. That means if you can't afford an attorney, you won't get one. Dr. Drew says the industry wasn't established with malicious intent, but it's "played out this way, and it needs reform." He's hopeful that at the least the film will inspire conversation about what that reform could look like. And it seems some people are catching on — victims of family court and high-profile attorneys like Gloria Allred speak up in the film about some shady practices.

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Dr. Drew's tips

For a healthy marriage

1 Recognize your bias
"If you come from divorce, you're much more likely to have a divorce, particularly if you marry somebody that comes from divorce," he says. "We end up recreating the traumas of our past. We're always mystified when we're attracted to the same kind of people [and we] have the same kind of outcome. That's how it works, and there are ways to undo it with psychological services."

2 Use your resources
"I think mental health services work," the doc says. "You should be getting premarital counseling, you should be committing to mental health services when you get into trouble rather than heading toward the door. In my family we've all had therapists. ... If we hadn't used those mental health services, I don't know how things would have worked out. It paid dividends every time."

Hear Dr. Drew's voice in theaters starting this Friday. PROVIDED

For a healthy divorce

1 Choose a lawyer who doesn't do drama
"If somebody makes their living in the courts, you wonder. I'd like to have somebody who has a more general legal point of view."

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Where to warm up

Heat lamp. Weather outside is frightful? Head to these cozy restaurants.

Keep cozy at Sassafras in Old City. / PROVIDED

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For those who are spectacular cooks who live in a home with a stocked bar and a working fireplace, there's no need to leave the house this winter. For the rest of us, thankfully, there are restaurants and bars that can offer up steamy comfort food, beverages that give you a liquid jacket and, in many cases, a glowing fireplace to seat near. Now if only it was socially acceptable to wear our Snuggies to dinner.

Frankford Hall

Although this beer garden is known for giving off summer vibes with all the picnic tables and the additional bar outside, it's also a go-to winter destination, with a fire pit and heat lamps so you can stay toasty while sort of being outdoors this season. Take a tip from the Germans and warm up with classic brats, schnitzel, Bavarian pretzels and bier. Bonus: In the winter, Frankford Hall isn't crawling with hipsters like it is in the hotter months.
1210 Frankford Ave., 215-634-3338, www.frankfordhall.com

Sassafras

Sometimes a flickering votive on a table is just as cozy as flames in a hearth. There's no roaring fireplace at this Old City nook, but the close quarters, soft lighting and heavy red curtains make this place a great pick for cuddling up with booze and a beau. The bar menu is often updated with seasonal cocktails to warm your soul.
48 S. 2nd St., 215-925-2317, www.sassafrasbar.com

Craft brews

Growlers

If you're ever out in the cold in Bella Vista, make sure to warm your bones at Growlers. Melt into one of the leather armchairs that are conveniently next to a crackling fireplace. While you're there, get comfortable with a bowl of pulled pork mac 'n' cheese, and perhaps one of the spiced seasonal brews on tap.
736 S. 8th St., 267-519-3242, www.growlersbar.com

The Mildred

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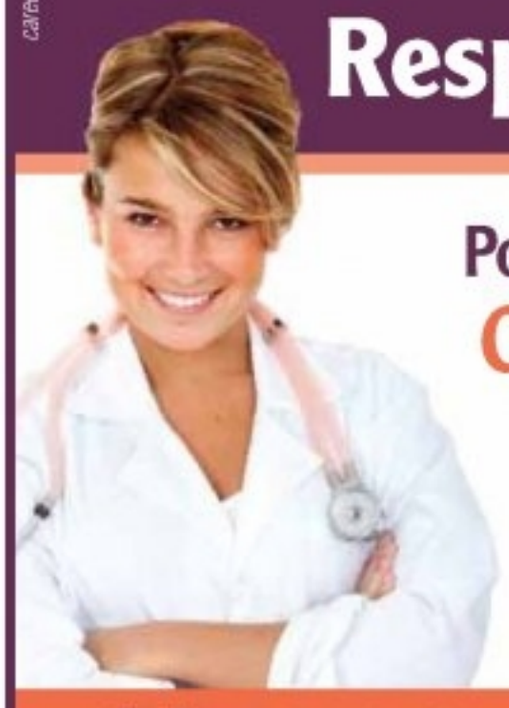

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Hot chef. Nunzio Patruno talks running a "jumbo BYOB" and cooking wild game.

Chef Nunzio Patruno, originally from Italy, has had several restaurant endeavors in Philly. Perhaps his most notable was The Monte Carlo Living Room, which he ran for 20 years. After his success on this side of the bridge, Patruno packed up his knives and ventured over to Collingswood, where he opened Nunzio Ristorante Rustico in 2003.

Collingswood is a dry town, making all restaurants BYOB. How does that fare for business?
When you have a business in Philadelphia and you buy a liquor license when you open, you pay the tax on the license, then the tax on the alcohol and then that tax goes to the customers because you need to jack up the price of the drinks. So some people want to start a restaurant and they open a small BYOB. My situation is different. My place is BYOB because that's how it has to be. When I came to Collingswood I wanted a 70- or 80-seat restaurant. I ended up with a 140-seat restaurant. I guess I am a jumbo BYOB. But I think that you get a lot of good customers. They are smart shoppers, and they know what good wine should cost.

You had some special holiday menus, including one for New Year's Eve. Can you tell us about that one?
[We had] an a la carte menu for New Year's Eve. Usually I do a four-course dinner, and each year there are different choices. I always keep one option vegetarian because you got to make everybody happy. But people can substitute, too. If they don't want to try something on the menu, and they like chicken Parmesan and only chicken Parmesan, well, I'll make it for them.

How was New Year's at the restaurant? Was it a big celebration?
We were very busy on New Year's Eve and had a great turn-out. We were booked solid with reservations. The mood was cheery and 2013 ended on a great note for us and our patrons. We're looking forward to continuing the momentum into 2014.

Now that the holidays are over, is there a lull?
We are still very busy. People are still celebrating in January — especially the small business owners because they have been busy with their own businesses and families during the holidays. Many would rather celebrate after the holidays, stress-free.

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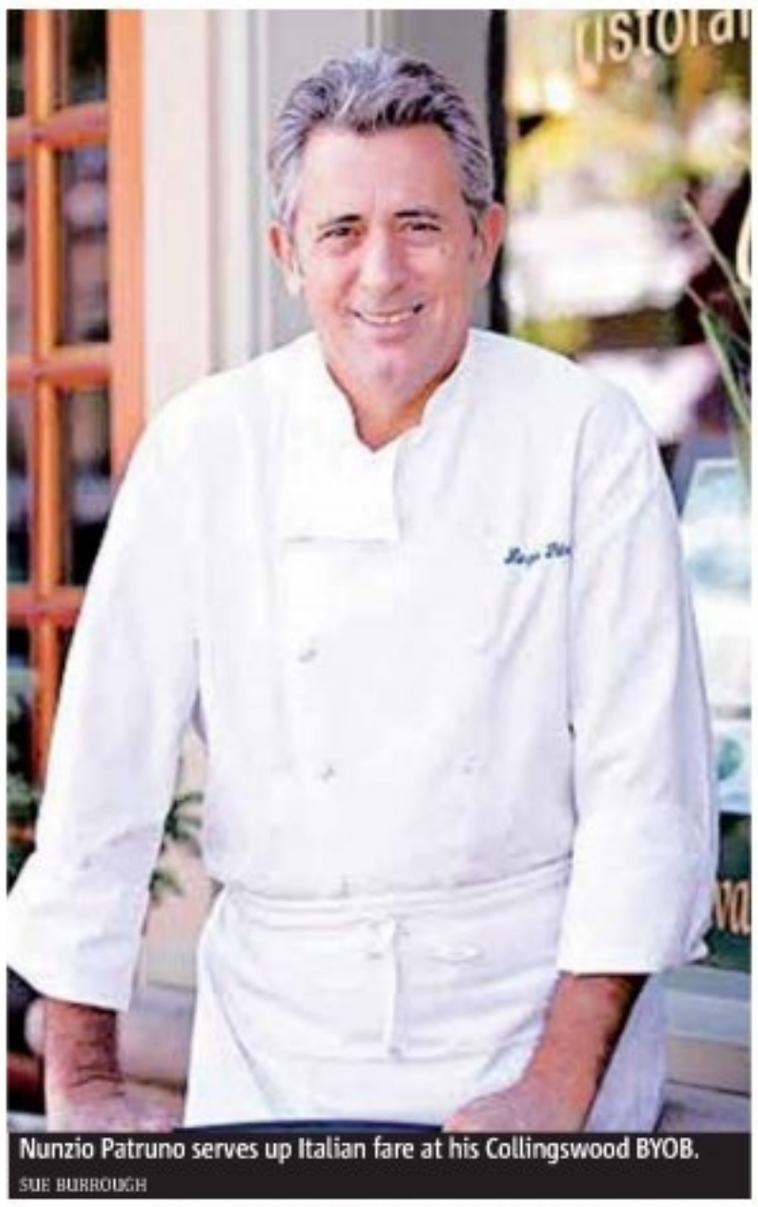
Nunzio Patruno serves up Italian fare at his Collingswood BYOB.
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Feast on Italian specialties. / PROVIDED

Q&A

What will the next special or seasonal menu be?

The next dining event is the annual wild game dinner on Jan. 16. The menu features multiple courses of various wild game like venison, wild boar and pheasant. Our customers look forward to this dinner every year and we are excited to be hosting it. We will be announcing our seasonal menu for spring in the coming weeks.

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COMEDY

'My Life in 19 Inches'

Friday, 8 p.m.
The Rotunda, 4014 Walnut St.
$10 online, $15 at the door; 800-838-3006
www.therotunda.org
Craig Liggeons is addicted to television — so addicted that he's doing a one-man show about it spanning 40 years of his life as a TV junkie. He has plenty to say about how much the boob tube has changed over the years, from the days of "MASH" to the onslaught of reality shows today.

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The holidays are still going strong at Longwood Gardens — at least for a few more days. Extend the Christmas merrymaking amid more than 500,000 lights, 18-foot trees and thousands of poinsettias. The theme is fruit, so check out the sweet and juicy decorations. New this year is a floating tree display and a 12-foot fountain of lights. The holiday lights go on at 3:30 p.m. every day.

PARTY

The Adult Swim

Tonight, 8 p.m.
XFINITY Live!, 1100 Pattison Ave.
267-443-6415
www.xfinitylive.com
No kids allowed at this new Thursday night "adult social" at the sports-lovers haven. Ride the mechanical bull at PBR Bar & Grill, sip on $5 Grey Goose cocktails at Victory Beer Hall and enter to win all sorts of prizes. Cover band Secret Service is performing.

FOOD

Kensington Quarters Pop-Up

Tonight, 6-11 p.m.
Cafe Lift, 428 N. 13th St.
$15-$25, 215-922-3031
www.pqrestaurants.com
The Pasquarello Restaurant Group — Prohibition Taproom, Bufad Pizza and Cafe Lift – is expanding out of the Callowhill area with Kensington Quarters in Fishtown. (Not Kensington; maybe "Fishtown Quarters" had a bad ring to it.) The combo butcher shop/bar/restaurant/classroom isn't open yet, but you can get a sneak peek at the goods at a fried chicken pop-up at Cafe Lift. For $15, score a half chicken, one biscuit and two sides; $25 gets you a whole chicken with two biscuits and two bigger sides. It's all over at 11 p.m., or when they run out of chickens. JULIE SHANNON

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Through Jan. 30
Philadelphia Center for Architecture, 1218 Arch St., Free, 215-569-3186, www.philadelphiacfa.org
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COMEDY

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Greg Proops

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♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18. Someone is likely to play with your emotions. Step back until you are fully prepared to deal with those giving you a hard time.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. It's a good day to mix and mingle. You'll do well in social settings, and will fare even better when trying to formulate deals. Let your confidence lead the way.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Your erratic feelings can lead to an impulsive decision regarding your future or a partnership.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Enjoy the people and things you get the most satisfaction from. Keeping the peace will help you stabilize your relationships with important people.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Financial deals should be signed. Making plans to network with peers or to celebrate with someone you love will help boost your confidence and ego.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. Be a participant. Helping others will bring high returns. Socializing with people who share your sentiments will lead to a prosperous venture.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Don't let anything get you down. Give an emotional situation a positive spin. Being willing to make a tough choice will help you.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Traveling or taking on a project will lead to new beginnings. Children or elders can help you realize what you need to do.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Problems will surface if you can't come to terms with what someone wants. Spend time on your own.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. A personal change is coming. Someone special will influence your life, but before you make a move consider your motives. Re-evaluate your relationships.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Spend some time on personal goals. Consider your career options and what's required of you to reach your destination.

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Letters

Not the diet for the woman who hates everything

Re: '3-day detox' (Metro, Jan. 8) Joy... sigh. I'm not going to go buy $15 protein powder to have three half-scoops' worth. That's ridiculous. And what normal person (normal meaning someone who doesn't spend $100 a month on yoga supplies) has chia seeds in their pantry — not to mention, I'm not sure I want to eat the seeds my best friend's daughters spread on clay heads to grow sprouts. I don't like spinach. I don't like tomatoes, onions, broccoli, beets, cucumbers, mushrooms or cauliflower either.

I hate all beans, not only because they taste foul but also because I don't fancy a musical a—hole at work the next day. I don't like grapefruit, which many people cannot eat because of the acidic content and because it cannot be mixed with many different medications, etc. Oh, yeah, it's also bitter and nasty. I HATE FISH. It's disgusting. The smell is even worse than the taste, and the taste... ugh. Let's murder a cold-blooded animal, rip its scales off and then cook it (or not cook it) and eat it. What giant moron came up with that idea? Oh, and of course there's that little thing about sucking down mercury with every serving. And the risk of parasitic infection, which is as prominent among fish as salmonella is among chicken.

And broccoli with pepper for dessert... Yeah, that's gonna happen.

This diet, or "detox," is not only some of the worst tasting food... it is a SUREFIRE WAY to help dieting women FAIL.

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Crossword

Across
1 Rock climber's aid
6 Witty Bennett —
10 Sigh of relief
14 Moccasin, maybe
15 Water pitcher
16 CCR town
17 Come clean
18 Braxton or Tennille
19 Mr. Luyendyk
20 Debt securer
21 Cheap night spots (2 wds.)
23 Musical gourds
25 Most weird
26 Came out on top
27 Moon rings
29 Wild
32 Solitude enjoyer
33 Coal bunker
36 Wednesday's god
37 Boxing matches
38 Breathe hard
39 Moo caveman
40 "Mary —" (ill-fated ship)
41 Hunt illegally
42 Farsi speaker
43 Want-ad abbr.
44 Job holder
47 Paving material
51 Great Plains antelopes
54 Egyptian god
55 Fountain treat
56 — Bator
57 Slogan
58 Jump over
59 Mideast region
60 Some nannies
61 Long hair
62 Explorer — Hedin
63 Low dice roll

Down
1 Choir selection
2 Gandhi setting
3 More docile
4 Ryukyu Islands native
5 After expenses
6 Stellar whale
7 Furry Jedi ally
8 Descartes' name
9 Tex-Mex beans
10 Kilt fabrics
11 Lena of jazz
12 Does magazine work
13 Actress Dianne—
21 Snowy mo.
22 Bloodhound's clue
24 Army off.
27 Islamic beauty
28 Gambling stake
29 Egg — yung
30 Tokyo, once
31 "Let 'er—!"
32 Cash advance
33 Meadow sound
34 Business abbr.
35 — degree
37 Warm welcomes (2 wds.)
38 Dismiss lightly (hyph.)
40 Remnant
41 Kind of rally
42 Natural
43 Mountain curve
44 — Downs (racetrack)
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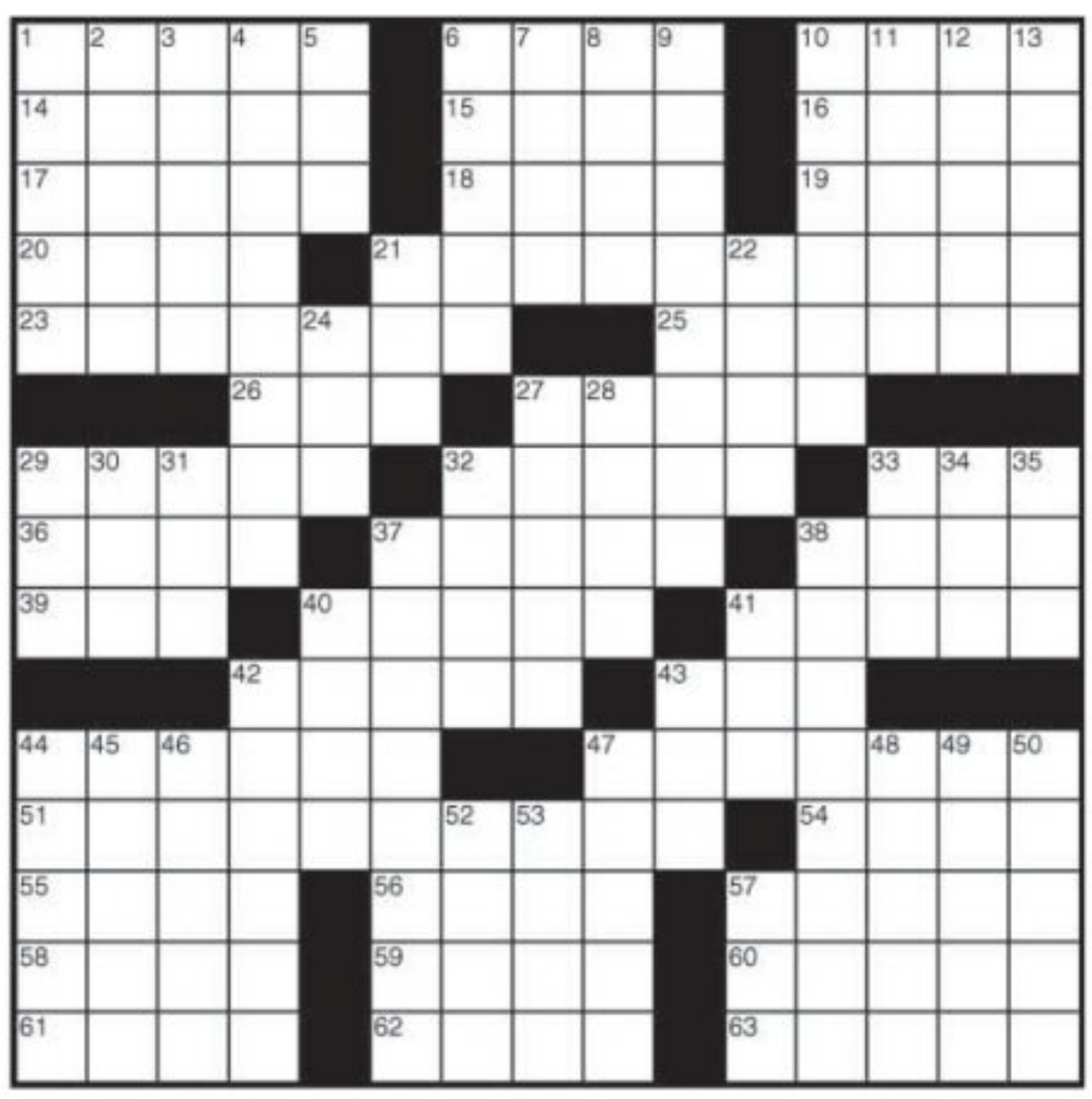

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3 SPORTS

Johnny goes pro

College football phenom declares

After months, even years of speculation, 2012 Heisman Trophy winner and star Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel will enter the NFL draft after two seasons with the Aggies.

Quintet of Flyers will skate in Sochi Games

NHL. Five Flyers are excited to represent their countries in February's Olympics.

The bad news that Claude Giroux won't be going to Sochi to represent team Canada next month in the Olympics, barring a rash of injuries, overshadowed good news for five of his Flyer teammates.

No less than five Flyers will be heading to Russia, though it's likely three have any shot at a medal. That won't stop Michael Raffl (Austria) or Mark Streit (Switzerland) from playing for their countries, with Streit going for the fourth time.

Which still leaves him one behind fellow defenseman Kimmo Timonen, who first played for Finland in Nagano, Japan, 1998 and has since gone to Salt Lake City, Turin, Italy and Vancouver.

Andrej Meszaros, who's had a hard time this year cracking the Flyers lineup on a regular basis, had no such problems earning a roster spot for Slovakia for the third time.

Finally Jakub Voracek will make his Olympic debut for the Czech Republic, which won the gold in Nagano and a bronze in Turin, but finished seventh in Vancouver.

Not only were he and his family thrilled, he's looking forward to playing again with Jaromir Jagr.

"The Olympics is the highest [honor] you can get for your country," said the 24-year-old Voracek, who's been hot of late with five goals and nine assists in his last 11 games. "I can't wait. It's very special."

Even for those who've been there before.

"It's a great experience and I'm really looking forward to the challenge," said the 36-year-old Streit, whose Swiss team placed eighth in 2010. "Switzerland has big expectations this year."

Probably not as big as Slovakia, which made it to the medal round in Vancouver before losing in the semis to Canada and then faltered in the bronze medal game to Timonen's Finns.

"Vancouver was amazing," said Meszaros, who'll be joined by players like Zdeno Chara, Marian Hossa, Marian Gaborik and goalie Jaroslav Halak. "I think it's the biggest goal you can achieve. Playing for your team is one thing. Playing for your country another thing entirely."

That never changes no matter how often you wear your home colors.

"I'm very proud to be named to the Finnish team for the fifth time," said the 38-year-old Timonen, who still yields seniority to six-time Olympian Teemu Selanne. "It means you're old. But it also means you've played this game at a high level for a long time."

The 12-team tournament gets underway Feb. 8, with the gold medal to be decided Feb. 23.

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Czech mate

"The Olympics is the highest [honor] you can get for your country. I can't wait. It's very special."

Jakub Voracek, Flyers forward
On his first trip to the Olympic games, representing the Czech Republic

Jakub Voracek will make his first Olympic appearance, while Mark Streit makes his fourth trip to the 12-team competition. / GETTY IMAGES

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Phillies to get new comentator

MLB. Brad Lidge is among those thought to be up for broadcast gig.

Brad Lidge will always have a special place in Philadelphia sports history. / GETTY IMAGES

The Phillies will have a new voice in 2014, as the position of color commentator for television broadcasts opened up Wednesday after Comcast let go of longtime personalities Gary Matthews Sr. and Chris Wheeler.

Among those expected to be possible replacements are several former Phillies players, including Brad Lidge, Chris Coste and Ricky Botallico.

While Botallico currently works with Comcast Sportsnet's pre and post-game shows, Lidge and Coste are popular and well-spoken recent Phillies. Lidge, of course, helped lead the Phillies to a World Series title in 2008 going 48-for-48 in save opportunities.

The decision to make the change comes not long after the Phillies and Comcast Sportsnet reached a $2.5 billion dollar deal to continue broadcasting the Phillies.

Both commentators were Phillies employees, but the new hire will be made by Comcast. Whomever they select will join Tom McCarthy in the booth.

Scott Franzke and Larry Anderson will remain the radio team for the Phillies.

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Close but no cigar

Biggio misses Cooperstown by two votes

Astros second baseman and outfielder Craig Biggio fell just 0.2 percent short of election, at 74.8 percent of the vote.

Other notables missing induction were Mike Piazza (62.2%), Jack Morris (61.5%) and former Phillie Curt Schilling (29.2%). METRO

To the Hall. Maddux, Glavine, Thomas get in

They spent 10 years in the same rotation and now they will enter the Baseball Hall of Fame together. Former Braves Tom Glavine and Greg Maddux were both easily elected to the Hall on Wednesday.

They will be joined by Chicago White Sox slugger Frank Thomas as the only three people elected to the Hall of Fame.

Maddux earned an overwhelming 97.2 percent of the vote, the eighth-highest total of all time. Glavine received 91.7 percent of the vote.

"Going in with Greg is just an added bonus for me personally," Glavine said on MLB Network's telecast announcing the honors.

Both Glavine and John Smoltz won a World Series with Atlanta in 1995.

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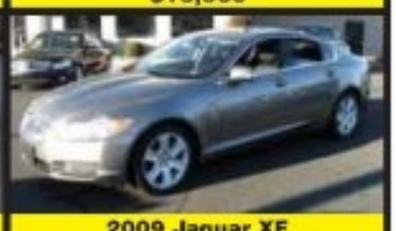

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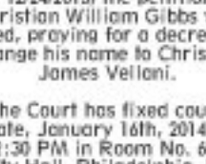
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